

I CLAIM:

1. Crane apparatus installed on a foundation extending into water for directly transshipping containers from a vessel moored alongside the foundation to another transportation mode without necessity of ground placement of the containers, the crane apparatus comprising: a parent crane mounted on the foundation and displaceable therealong for unloading containers from a vessel moored alongside the foundation and placing the containers on a first platform of the parent crane; and a sibling crane mounted on the foundation and displaceable therealong beneath the parent crane and independently of displacement of the parent crane for loading containers from the first platform onto over-the-ground vehicles.

2. Crane apparatus according to claim 1; wherein the parent crane has a first trolley/spreader hoist movable along a first boom for unloading containers from the vessel and placing the containers on either the first platform or a second platform of the parent crane, and a second trolley/spreader hoist movable along a second boom for loading containers from the second platform onto another vessel or over-the-ground vehicles.